

*Legislation addresses signature injury of Iraq war*

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Washington, D.C. – Today, a bill authored by Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) to address the need for better care for service members with traumatic brain injury (TBI) passed the House of Representatives. “Many service members who have been wounded in Iraq have experienced a traumatic brain injury. In fact, TBI is the leading cause of non-battle related deaths among U.S. service members in Iraq,” said Rep. McNerney. “The language that Congressman McNerney authored will establish a special panel within the VA to assess the needs of service members with TBI. Our men and women in uniform have put their lives on the line,” said Rep. McNerney. “It is critical that we take steps to ensure that they receive the best possible care. The Veterans’ Insurance and Health Care Improvements Act of 2009, including the provisions authored by Rep. McNerney, will ensure that service members with TBI receive the care they need.”